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For: METHOD OF PARAMETRIC DESIGN )  
OF AN INSTRUMENT PANEL SUPPORT )  
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the pending paragraph on page 3, lines 12 through 18 with the  
following:

It is also known to use a computer-aided design technique to design a vehicle  
system. An example of a computer aided design technique is disclosed in U.S. Patent  
Application, SN 08/984,806, entitled "Method and System For Vehicle Design Using Occupant  
Reach Zones", the disclosure of which is also hereby incorporated by reference.

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